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ENORMOUS

Crowds at the New Year's Reception of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland.

The Gay Festivities of the Washington Society Season are Duly Installed

At the White House—Long Lines of People Pass Through the Spacious Rooms to Greet the President and His Wife—Beautiful Decorations—Major McKinley's New Year's.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The great event of the year in society circles is the Presidents' New Year's reception, from eleven to two. The weather was cloudy and raw, but the attendance was enormous. Regular order was observed. The diplomatic corps arrived first, then the supreme court, senators, representatives and other government officials, army and navy and general public. The latter formed in long lines on the street waiting till dignitaries should pass. The Marine band furnished the music. All the rooms used were beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, in keeping with the color and decorations of each room. The usual number of assistants, both in the receiving line and back of the line, were on duty, and the gay festivities of the Washington season duly installed.

The reception began promptly at eleven o'clock, when the Marine band began Weber's Jubilee Overture, and President and Mrs. Cleveland, followed by cabinet officers and their wives and daughters, descended the stairs and entered the blue parlor, exchanging greetings with the receiving party gathered there. It took an hour and thirty-five minutes for the official guests to pass though and give way to the general public, who had gathered in lines over a mile long. It was the largest New Year's reception held for many years.

MANY FRIENDS

Wish President-Elect McKinley and Wife a Happ New Year.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Canton, O., Jan. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. McKinley were the recipients of many New Year's greetings from friends and neighbors. Among the guests for the day were Perry S. Heath, Hon. and Mrs. Bellamy Storer and Marquis and Marquee De Chambruin of Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley dine this evening with Judge W. R. Day. Tomorrow they go to Cleveland.

A RAILROAD DEAL

By Which the B. & O. S-W. Gets a Short Route From Wheeling to Cleveland.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 1.—Traffic arrangement has been made between the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Baltimore & Ohio, whereby the former is to enter Cleveland over the latter's line. It goes into effect immediately. The distance by this line from Wheeling to the lake is 140 miles.

A Crash in Jewelry.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 1.—Barratt & Sherwood, the oldest, and at one time the largest retail jewelry firm in California, has failed. A long period of dull business was the cause.

Woman Physician's Crime.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Pueblo, Col., Jan. 1.—Dr. Carrie Johnson, a female physician, formerly of Washington, D. C., has been found guilty of murder in the second degree for causing the death of Mrs. Kelley by criminal malpractice.

Adkins Found Guilty.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Barbourville, Ky., Jan. 1.—Joseph Adkins, on trial for the murder of Judge Coombs, was today found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. This is his third trial.

Bad Freight Wreck.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Lima, O., Jan. 1.—Spreading rails wrecked the north-bound local freight on the Lima Northern, near Leipsic, this morning. Engineer T. E. Hill and Brakeman John Seigrist were probably fatally injured.

Murderer Hanged.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 1.—Edward Wright, a murderer, was hanged this morning.

No. 94

Is the telephone call of The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company. Just call them up and order a dozen of their brew for the holidays.

Commit This to Memory.

He dressed like a lord of creation.
Money was no part of his woes,
And he won the best girl's admiration.
For BLANKEMEYER made his clothes.

Fancy fire-sets, brass, nickel-plated and plain, at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

Ohio.—Rain; warmer tonight; colder Saturday night.

A MODEL OFFICIAL

Governor-Elect Pingree, of Michigan, Would Not Accept a Railroad Pass.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

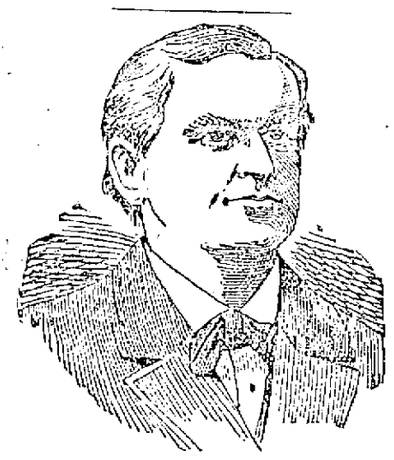
Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1.—Mayor Pingree left for Lansing to assume his duties as governor this morning. He took his family on a thousand mile ticket and was accompanied by a dozen friends. His trip was as unostentatious as the brief inaugural ceremonies at Lansing. He refused to accept a railroad pass.

AT ALBANY

Frank S. Black Inaugurated as Governor of New York.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Albany, Jan. 1.—Frank S. Black was inaugurated governor of New York today. Gov. Morton made an address, reviewing his administraiton. He congratulated his successor upon the prosperous and easy condition of the affairs of the state.



Joseph B. McCullagh,

Late editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who ended his life yesterday by jumping from his bed-room window.

A LADY PASTOR

Issued Invitations to a New Year's Reception and Then Got Married.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Caroline J. Bartlett, the pastor of the People's church, issued invitations to a New Year's reception in her church last night and completely surprised the large assembly by being married to Dr. A. W. Crane, of Kalamazoo. She will continue as pastor of the church.

RIGHT WITH US.

M. E. Ingalls Denies That He Is Contemplating Removing to New York City.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 1.—A New York special published in Chicago today says that M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four railroad, is to take Chauncey M. Depew's place, and that Depew is to receive a high diplomatic appointment. When Mr. Ingalls' attention was called to the statement, he promptly said, "There is not anything in it, so far as I am concerned. Cincinnati cannot get rid of me so easily as that."

FRAGMENTS.

Miss Rachel Cook has accepted a position in the office of the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Miss Laura Richardson, arrived in the city today at noon to spend a few days with her parents on East Ninth street. She is connected with Pogue's store in Cincinnati.

A Fine Dinner.

Members of the Times force were the guests of Landlord King at the Hotel Safford for dinner today. The menu was an elaborate one, the dinner being one of the finest New Year's dinners ever set in a Portsmouth hotel. Needless to say the newspaper men enjoyed t thoroughly. Here's to you, Mr. King, and to your hotel, and may the new year bring to you and yours that unbounded success and prosperity you so richly deserve.

A Turkey Banquet.

About twenty-five of the cutters at the Drew-Selby shoe factory joined in a turkey supper at Knittel's Thursday evening. The turkey was furnished by Jas. Reilly. He raffled it off among the cutters at ten cents a chance. About one hundred chances were sold, and the proceeds of the raffle turned into a supper fund. The boys had a great amount of fun out of the affair, and incidentally a royal good supper.

Entertainment Repeated Tonight.

The cantata, "Santa Claus' Mistake," will be repeated tonight at Pleasant Green Baptist church.

Kremis, Mercer county, Pa.—We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our own families, and it is a favorite among our customers. Hecker Bros. & Co. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Fisher & Streich.

ASPHXIATED.

Awful Tragedy at Struthers, Ohio, This Morning.

Three Lives Snuffed Out by Escaping Gas, Four More in a Comatose Condition, and May Die, While Others are in Bad Shape—A Boarding House Accident.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—A special from Youngstown to a local paper gives information of a tragedy that occurred at the little village of Struthers, a few miles from Youngstown. Struthers is a small place, the residents being dependent on a big steel furnace.

Joseph Betz, a workman at the mill, also keeps a boarding-house. A number of his fellow-workmen board with him. This morning the men failed to show up for work, and a man was dispatched after them to see what was the matter. When he approached the house he was saluted with the odor of escaping gas. Help was sumomned, and upon examination it was found that Mr. and Mrs. Betz and their little child were dead, having been asphyxiated. Four of the boarders were in a comatose condition, while others were unconscious. The gas escaped from a jet in the room occupied by the Betzes.

NEW BOSTON HOTEL

Property Will Not Be Occupied by the Standard Shoe Factory—The Heel Company May Take It.

The New Boston hotel property, known as the Frey House, seems to be a white elephant on the hands of the owners. Time and again it has been reported that a new shoe factory was about to start up in the building. The latest rumor is to the effect that the Standard Shoe company have rented the building. Will Questel, however, says the Standard has no idea of locating there. Arrangements have about been completed and the new factory will most likely occupy the Grimes building on Front street. Mr. Wolf, of the Portsmouth Heel company, is considering the question of removing his factory and may conclude to go to New Boston, providing the inducement is sufficiently great.

A COMING WEDDING

Mr. Eugene Francis Anderson and Miss Ruhama May Halderman to Be Married February 2nd.

Invitations will be out in a few days to the wedding of Miss Ruhama May, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Halderman, to Mr. Eugene Graham Anderson. The ceremony will be performed at All Saints Episcopal church Thursday evening, February 2nd, at half-past seven o'clock. The young couple will be "at home" Thursdays after March 11th, at 826 Gay street. The contracting parties are among the most popular young people in the city, and will have the best wishes of hosts of friends.

Elected Directors.

The Commercial Building and Loan association, at their annual meeting, declared a dividend of six per cent. Messrs. M. Stanton, John R. Hughes, H. F. Thompson, Geo. E. Kricker, Adam Buch, J. J. Brushart, Frank Legler, W. M. Pursell, John Frick, J. G. Gerlach and M. W. Thompson were elected directors for the ensuing year.

New Members Admitted.

At the yearly meeting of the German Evangelical church, Herman Nemhoener and Mrs. Mary Distil, of Portsmouth, and Henry Gliem, of South Webster, were admitted to membership in the church.

A Holiday Reminder.

The Ladies' society of the German Evangelical church have presented Rev. Mallick and wife, as a holiday reminder, with an elegant silver tea service. Each member of the choir was presented with a handsome gold pen.

To Preach a Funeral.

Rev. J. A. Toensmeier was called to Buena Vista last night to conduct the funeral services over the remains of a little child of John Schisler.

Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The treasury debt statement which will be issued Saturday will show that the deficit for the first six months of the current fiscal year is in round figures $30,000,000. For the month of December in round numbers, the receipts were $25,800,000, and expenditures $25,200,000, making an excess of receipts over expenditures of $600,000. On account of the heavy interest charges and unusual expenditures incident to January, the excess of expenditures over receipts for January, 1897, is estimated at $15,000,000.

Railway Shops Closed Indefinitely.

ZANESVILLE, O., Jan. 1.—The Baltimore and Ohio shops in this city were closed down Thursday morning indefinitely on peremptory telegraphic orders from Baltimore. Five hundred men are thrown out of work, entailing a loss to the city of $25,000 a month.

BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

A RECEPTION

Given to Mark Hanna by the Tippecanoe Club, of Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—The reception by the Tippecanoe club Thursday night to Mark Hanna was a glittering success. The affair took place in the armory of the Cleveland Grays and some thousand ladies and gentlemen were present. The hero of the evening, in whose honor the reception was given, stood the strain for an hour and at the expiration of that time was compelled to leave without even making a speech for his right arm was in a terrible condition when he left the hall. Some 500 of the guests filed past the national chairman, shook his hand, and wished a Happy New Year, and in every case he was compelled to return the shake and say something like "I wish you the same," so it is natural to suppose that when the chairman made his escape he was ready to drop from exhaustion.

Mr. Hanna stood in a beautifully draped box in the northeast corner of the hall, and was assisted in receiving by Col. Myron T. Herrick, Sylvester T. Everett, Andrew Squire and Robert McDowell, of Medina. The latter represented the Twentieth and Mr. Squire the Twenty-first district of Ohio at the convention which nominated McKinley. There was a banquet which was quite informal and the new year was ushered in with dancing.

GOODALE LAW.

It is Proving the Success That Was Expected of It.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.—There has been some decrease in the number of saloons in the state as shown by the reports of the Dow tax collections, and in some quarters this has given rise to an apprehension that the Goodale law increasing the tax to $350 would fail of its object to increase the state's revenues. State Auditor Guilbert ridicules this idea. He calls attention to the fact that there are always fewer saloons in winter than in summer and roughly estimates that the state's revenues from the Dow tax will not be less than $175,000 greater for the present month than they were last December when the state's proportion was $260,569. The Goodale law is a great success in accomplishing all it was designed to accomplish.

Heavy Fog in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—The density of the heavy fog which has hung over this section for several days past, was greatly increased Thursday. At 11 o'clock Thursday morning it was as dark as night in this city. It was impossible to see distinctly more than a few feet away. The fog proved disastrous to the telegraph companies, which found it impossible to use many of their wires, and on others communication was maintained with distant points only with the greatest difficulty. The fog is the heaviest ever seen in this city.

Ran Away With the Hired Man.

WILMINGTON, O., Jan. 1.—Camp Snell and his wife were arrested here on complaint of Peter Fox, the woman's first husband. The statement of Mrs. Snell is that at 14 she married Peter Fox, a soldier, 58, at Afton, Clermont county. That was 12 years ago, and two children were born. They came to live in this county, and Snell was employed to work for Fox. Five weeks ago Mrs. Fox and Snell walked 49 miles to Afton and were married, the license being issued in the woman's maiden name, Rosa Johnson.

Still Hope for Paige.

WARREN, O., Jan. 1.—The suits of the Farmers' national bank, of Canfield, and Western Reserve national bank, of Warren, against Dr. Paige and others on notes, were Thursday continued until the term of court opening in February. These notes form all of the Paige papers now held in this part of Ohio, and there is little elsewhere. The fact that the suits were continued leads to the belief that there is prospect of settlement.

Ohio Miners Demand an Advance.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.—The State Miners' convention adopted a resolution Thursday afternoon demanding an immediate advance of six cents per ton over the wages now paid in all the districts, in order to place the Ohio miners on the same wage level as the Pennsylvania miners. No strike is anticipated, however, until after the meeting of the miners' national convention here next month.

Suicided on the Street.

DEFIANCE, O., Jan. 1.—George Mollereup, aged 55, a prominent G. A. R. and U. V. U. man, committed suicide on the street Thursday morning shortly before 8 o'clock. He shot himself over the right temple with a 32-caliber revolver. He leaves a wife and family.

Closed Indefinitely.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.—The Columbus Sewer Pipe Co.'s works closed down Thursday evening indefinitely. President Rhoades says it is due to depression in business. It throws 100 men out of employment.

Fifteen Drowned.

CALAIS, Jan. 1.—The French steamer Deux Freres, from Feamp for this port, has foundered. Fifteen of her crew were drowned.

GOV. BRADLEY

Claiming More Attention From Republican Politicians at Present Than Any Other State Executive.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A special from Washington says: N. T. Critchfield, formerly journal clerk of the house of representatives, has just returned from Kentucky. Said he: "In my opinion, based upon an intimate acquaintance with the man and the conditions, Gov. Bradley will carry out his threat to resign. The soon to be vacant seat of Senator Blackburn is the magnet that in all likelihood controls the action of Kentucky's chief executive. He does not want to call the legislature together to elect either of his rivals—Hunter or Boyle. An active canvass for the place while he remains governor would be undignified and offensive to a large number of republicans. It is highly probable that he can wage a winning battle if he disrobes himself of office and assumes the common lot of other candidates.

"Some profess to believe Gov. Bradley expects and has been promised a substantial reward in the way of a high diplomatic post at the hands of the incoming administration for thus removing himself from the way of a satisfactory settlement of the Kentucky imbroglio. I think it more likely that the whole thing will work out to the advancement of the governor's senatorial aspirations."

ARMS FOR CUBA.

Four Famous Filibusters to Start on Patriotic Expeditions.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 1.—Cubans are jubilant over the decision of the government that vessels with war supplies may clear openly from this point. Already arrangements are being made to send out a number of vessels before the Spanish cruisers can be assembled in one spot and stop them.

The Commodore has been granted papers, and it is supposed that she will load at once for Cuba with arms and ammunition. The Three Friends will make application for a release on bond after she has been seized. This will be given and the vessel will load for Cuba direct. The famous Bermuda will be here in a day or two for her cargo.

Capt. Morton, her old commander, left Wednesday night ostensibly for New York, saying he would secure another "newspaper dispatch boat," but it is thought here that he will get on the Bermuda and come down in command.

ESTHER WILCOX,

Of Bethesda, O., Suffocated by Gas in a Room in a Pittsburgh Hotel.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 1.—Wednesday evening a pretty young woman arrived at the Pennsylvania hotel, Liberty avenue, near the Union station, and requested Proprietor Baltensberger to register for her, giving the name of Esther Wilcox, of Bethesda, O. She paid in advance for her room, saying she wished to be called early Thursday morning, to take a train for California, Pa. The porter called at 5:30 Thursday morning, but received no reply. He noticed a strong odor of gas and called the proprietor. The door was forced and Miss Wilcox found on the floor, dead, and the gas turned on full force.

A special from California, Pa., to the Leader says that Miss Wilcox was employed at the Southwestern State Normal school last year, and was on her way to that place to re-enter the service.

Steamer Bermuda Gone to Sea.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The steamer Bermuda, which gained wide notoriety early in the year as a Cuban filibuster, sailed Thursday morning in ballast, ostensibly for Bermuda on a wrecking trip. That there is a well defined fear in some quarters that the filibuster is about to engage in another expedition to Cuba was evidenced by the fact that the United States revenue cutter Manhattan preceded the Bermuda to sea with the purpose of keeping her company as far as the three-mile sea so that the laws of neutrality could not be violated.

Aged Lady Suicides.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Annie Swan, 77 years old, committed suicide during Wednesday night by tying the strings of her night cap tightly and hanging to the hinge of her folding bed. Mrs. Swan lived with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Stern, in Avelon, a suburb of Allegheny. No cause is known for the self-murder.

State Teachers' Association.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.—The executive committee of the State Teachers' association fixed the date of their annual teachers' association Thursday. It will be held at Toledo on June 30, and July 1 and 2, 1897. The annual address will be delivered by Prof. Thos. C. Mendenhall, of Worcester, Mass.

THE REPORT

Of the Special Board to Test Defective Steel Plates

For the New Battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge Submitted.

Contracts Signed for Two Swift Cruisers of American Build, for the Japanese Navy—The Two Will Cost $3,000,000—Grand Marshal's Aides.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The special board appointed by Secretary Herbert to examine a number of defective structural steel plates delivered by the Carnegie Steel Co. at Newport News for the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge, has submitted its report to the navy department. The board made very extensive tests of material at the ship yards and arrived at the following conclusions:

That if the specifications be held to require the test of the plates to be made by bending specimens longitudinally a large proportion of the steel complies with the specifications. If, however, a transverse bending test is also required, only one lot of plates—the 17½ inch plate—meets the demands. The defects are attributed to the fact that the plates receive most of the work in the direction of their length, and the failure of the inspectors to detect these defects was due to the failure of the specifications, in their opinion, to require a transverse bending test. The board believes that more reliable steel for hull plates would be obtained by changing the present requirements so as to allow the tensile strength to vary between 57,000 and 60,000 pounds per square inch, requiring a minimum elongation of 25 per cent. of steel above 60,000 pounds and one-third of one per cent. additional elongation for each thousand pounds below 60,000.

The plates for the battleship Illinois were found to be of better quality than those rolled for the Kentucky and Kearsarge. In all cases, however, the steel was found to be of superior quality to the best commercial steel, as well as to that used in any foreign navy. Upon these findings the department has authorized the inspectors to report Newport News to use so much of the steel plate on hand as he may find suitable, while the inspectors at the mills have been instructed to hereafter make the transverse bending test in the plates. The steel board has been ordered to meet at the department Saturday next to confer with the secretary respecting the changes necessary to be made in the specifications.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Twenty-four months from this date the rapidly growing Japanese navy will be increased by the addition of two swift cruisers of American build. The contracts were signed Thursday at the Japanese legation by Ministers Hoshi, representing the Japanese government, and by Messrs. Henry Scott, of San Francisco, and Charles H. Cramp, of Philadelphia, representing the Union iron works and the Cramp ship yards respectively.

The two vessels will cost $3,000,000 in round numbers, and represent the largest and best type of marine architecture. Each will have a displacement of 4,760 tons, or 260 tons more than the Chicago, which was one of the original quartet of steam vessels that marked the renaissance of the new navy. Their length over all will be 374 feet, with a breadth of 48 feet, an extreme depth of 39 feet and a draft of 17 feet and 9 inches. In point of speed they will outstrip any vessel in the American navy except the Minneapolis, which steams a trifle more than 23 knots an hour. The new vessels will make 23½ knots under forced draught, which is a fraction faster than the Columbia, the sister ship to the Minneapolis.

A similar contract will be given to an English shipbuilding firm with a view of testing the relative merits of American and English skill. If the two vessels in questions prove satisfactory they will, it is believed, point the way to future contracts for American builders.

President Issues a Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The president Thursday issued a proclamation promulgating the action of congress providing regulations for preventing collisions at sea and setting July 1, 1897, as the day upon which they shall take effect.

Denied a Pardon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The president to-day denied a pardon to Joseph H. Wilson, who was convicted in Illinois of embezzling national bank funds, but upon whom sentence was not passed.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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TIMES TELEPHONES.

Counting Room	2 on 33
Editorial Room	3 on 33

The down-trodden, toiling masses continue to be heard from. Mrs. Hetty Green has just registered a vigorous protest against trusts.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer sarcastically says: "The bank failures in Chicago and St. Paul would have been holy terrors if they had occurred after Bryan's election. They are only natural results since "the advance agent of prosperity" got in his work.

The big bank failures have been in Maine, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, states that gave majorities for the single gold standard. The simple folk thought that money was plentiful enough a few weeks ago, because the sharpers of Wall street told them so.—Zanesville Signal.

The Wilson law is not a "failure." It produces all the money expected of it, with the exception of the receipts from incomes, which rich and short-sighted tax-dodgers banded together to defeat. And even with this loss there would be a handsome surplus if congress had not, with reckless extravagance, increased the average appropriations for the past four years $100,000,000, above the average for the preceding seven years.—Ex.

"The causes were local," says the Columbus Journal concerning the suspension of four banks yesterday. Did any bank ever suspend except when the "causes were local"—very local—found right in the bank itself? But when these suspensions extend in one day from Virginia to Minnesota, and when other great business crashes are reported in every state from Maine to California there is evidently some general law at work that produces these local causes.—Zanesville Signal.

Governor Bradley and his administration owes it to the people of Kentucky, as well as to the whole country, to stop the wholesale work of mobs in that state.

The last ten days has furnished a black record. In that time, through the action of mobs, seven men have met death, five of them at the time being in the hands of the law.

The governor is warranted to take the most heroic measures to stamp out this lawlessness. He will not be doing his duty if he fails to set in motion every part of the machinery of the state government, not only to protect prisoners charged with crime, but also to run down and punish those who have taken part in making this bloody history.

Lynch law is a disgrace to any state. It is a black crime for which no excuse can be offered. Murder cannot be avenged by murder. The state officials should act at once, and act with energy.—Toledo Blade.

"This and every other large city is strewn with financial wrecks caused by the absolute ignorance on the part of capitalists who tempt fate by treading paths that are as deceitful as they are dangerous.

"One of the strangest things of this strange century is the nonchalance with which some men, blessed with more money than brains, rush into enterprises, the successful operation of which demand the soundest judgment, closest economy and great executive ability, and imagine, notwithstanding their lack of all these essential qualifications, that they can succeed.

"Banking is one of the most dangerous businesses and requires not only a natural and abnormal shrewdness, but an education in finance, and yet it is the first that the newly-rich farmer, miner, manufacturer and merchant thinks of establishing when independence has crowned his efforts in some legitimate business in which he is an expert and professor.

"If the commercial history of Toledo has taught one lesson, it is that the man, firm or corporation who starts operations in new fields and under unfamiliar conditions, must needs fail.

"It has been illustrated that a man can be a good banker but a mighty poor iron manufacturer. That a man may make a fortune in coal mining and lose it in cotton raising. That a man can be a successful farmer and a failure in literature, and so on.

"It is said, and undoubtedly with truth, that a majority of the recent bank failures were due to the impetence and absolute ignorance of the first laws of finance.

"It is just as requisite for a bank president or a bank director to have an education in that particular line as it is for the physician or lawyer to have a thorough knowledge of medicine and law.

"If more bank presidents understood the rudimentary laws of finance there would be fewer bank failures."—Toledo Bee.

The Richmond, Va., State, soon after the election, sent letters to a number of prominent Democrats, asking them why they were Democrats. The following is the answer of W. J. Bryan. Bland, Stone, Williams, and Morgan also give sound reasons why they are Democrats:

"In a broad sense, a Democracy is a government in which the people rule, and a Democrat is one who believes in such government. In a party sense, Democracy is defined by the Chicago platform, and the person who supports the party and its platform can call himself a Democrat. The platform was entirely satisfactory to me. In my judgment it applied Democratic principles to present conditions. If a minority has a right to give a party definition of Democracy, then there may be as many different definitions of Democracy as there are persons who desire to wear the name."

Richard P. Bland, of Missouri, says: "A Democrat is one who supports the platform and votes for the nominees of the Democratic party. I am a Democrat because that party, in its platform of principles as announced from time to time, and especially at the last national convention at Chicago, comes nearer my idea of government 'of the people, by the people, and for the people' than any other political organization now existing."

Gov. Stone, of Missouri, says he believes in the Chicago platform, and that Democracy means a party that stands for these principles. Others are not entitled to recognition.

George Fred Williams, of Boston, says the policy laid down at Chicago constitutes Democracy.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, says he believes in the teachings of Washington and Jefferson and their great associates, and is therefore a Democrat. Democracy, he affirms, is an adherence to the constitution.

Today is the day for the inauguration of all kinds of reforms. For a few days, at least, the sale of all things tending to destroy our manhood or injure us financially or morally will diminish. Some of these resolutions will be kept, others will be broken, and the same old story will be told again in the history of the coming year. Our churches preach too little of humanity and earthly happiness. Too many of the blessings to be showered upon the Christain, according to many sermons, lie beyond the grave. Too many of the benefits of a Christian life are laid up in another world, and in longing for them, we sometimes overlook the blessings of this life. If it were all of life to live, there is not a tenet of the Christian that does not contribute to his earthly happiness. The first great lesson Christ taught by example was industry; the second was economy; the third was, "Do unto others as you would be done by," and the fourth was, "Ye that are without sin, cast the first stone!" Teach the child to be industrious; teach him to be economical; teach him to respect the rights of others; teach him to be consistent, and if you succeed, you have fitted him for not only a successful life, but for a happy one, also. No boy or girl who grows unaccustomed to do the work expected of them in after life, can be either happy or successful; no girl or boy, be he or she born in cottage or palace, will make a good citizen short of possessing the inherent power of stepping out into the world self-reliant and capable of waging a successful fight for a place in the world. There is a niche in the world for each of us. The young man or young woman who is always looking for their niche to turn up, has not been taught the first lessons in life. They haven't laid a foundation for either a happy or an honest life, let alone a Christ-like life. The young man or young woman that starts in life with the habit of living beyond his or her means will never see the day they will be happy or honest. What a glorious boon for the child that the father and mother can look back to the training of other years as a legacy to be bequeathed to their child. Life is a serious matter. Its responsibility doesn't stop with death. Our darling little boy or sweet little girl under our care is being trained for future weal or woe right here. The joys and sorrows of earth mean much to us all. There is enough good here to urge every father or mother, every husband or wife, every son or daughter to begin this life anew today and cultivate those inherent qualities of mind and soul that fit us to fill well the niche in life we now occupy. There can be but one independent life, and, be he or she a man or a woman, a boy or a girl, the key that unlocks it must be wrought by industry, economy and a consistent and just regard for the rights of others.

No Gripe

When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all to pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take and easy to operate is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect. Safe, certain and sure. All druggists, 25c. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—To evade the law against the shipment of short lobsters from Maine some unscrupulous persons have been inclosing a few dozen of the little ones in barrels of clams.

—For recovering a purse containing $10, for which he had to dive into 18 feet of water, Ed Tower, of Marshfield, Ore., received five dollars from the woman who dropped it overboard.

—Some people who have been living at McFall, Mo., have taken their way toward California in a covered wagon, going by way of Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, a route of more than 1,600 miles.

—An 11-year-old girl of Anderson, Ind., Ida P. Hollingsworth, upon being rebuked for truancy, of which her elder sister had told their parents, bought a box of rat poison, and, going to a neighbor's, swallowed it. She was saved by the timely appearance of a physician.

—Missouri weather prophets base their prognostications of the heavy winter ahead on the height of the ragweed growing all about. The weeds are from two to three feet high, and an old adage is recalled which says that the snow will fall as deep as the ragweeds are tall.

—Russian thistles, a patch of which have flourished for some time near Whipple, Ariz., have overgrown well-trodden paths there and made them impassable, either for men or animals. The thistles of this plot are said to be the only ones in Arizona, and the people urge that they be exterminated before they become a pest everywhere in the territory.

—No Communipaw burgher of Washington Irving's would complain that his kind were without successors were he to come upon Topeka's champion smoker, who uses a pipe with a bowl the size of a tumbler and a stem as long as a cane, at which he smokes for three hours and a half on one filling. It is said that he can fill a good-sized hall with smoke in 39 minutes.

THE OLD LAWYER.

Depew Says What He Ought to Be to the Community.

I know of no more charming member of the community than the old lawyer, says Chauncey Depew. I studied with a judge who, as I left his office, had completed the 86th year of his life and the 65th year of his practice. The old lawyer is the custodian of the secrets of the community. If he has been true to his profession, and to his best instincts and teachings, he has been the benefactor of the village or the town or the county in which he has spent his life. He has settled family disputes, he has reconciled heirs to the provisions of wills, he has adjusted satisfactorily to all and to the prevention of family feuds the distribution of estates, he has prevented neighborhood vendettas on boundary lines, he has brought old-time enmities into cordial friendships, he has made clients and money by being honest, faithful and true. The secrets of his register, of his safe and of his memory are the skeletons of the family closets of the whole neighborhood. But the process of modern cremation does not more perfectly destroy the human frame than does this lawyer's fidelity to his oath keep out of sight these family skeletons.

Japan's Public Story Teller.

Public story tellers still earn a good livelihood in Japan. In Tokio alone 600 of them ply their trade, provided with a small table, a fan and a paper rapper to illustrate and emphasize the points of their tales.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

William's Kidney Pills.

Have you neglected your kdneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in the loins, side, back, groins and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especally under the eyes? Too frequent desire to pass urine? Williams' Kidney Pills will impart new life to the diseased organs, tone up the system, and make a new man of you. Sample free. By mail, 50 cents per box. Sold by Win Nye. Williams Manufacturing Co., proprietors, Cleveland, O.

Yes, 'tis true;
Foley's Honey and Tar
Is the best cough medicine.
Amanns' pharmacies.

Homeseekers.

On Jan. 5th, 19th, and Feb. 2nd and 16th, the Ohio Southern railroad will have on sale at all stations Home Seekers' excursion Tickets to all points South, Southwest and West, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be limited, good to return twenty-one days from date of sale. Call on Ohio Southern agents for full particulars regarding stop-off privilege routes and rates, or address

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Cough Syrup, wherever introduced, is considered the most pleasant and effective remedy for all throat and lung complaints. It is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates and that can safely be given to children. Amanns' pharmacies.

Post-Xmas Opportunities.

Everything left by Christmas shoppers must go, regardless of cost. We wish to start in on '97 without a dollar's worth of Xmas Goods. WE WILL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP in every department, cutting right and left until the prices fairly compell you to buy.

Be Sure and Investigate These Bargains.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12½c quality, about 30 dozen, go for 5c.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 15c, 20c, 25c quality, about 25 dozen, go for 8c.
Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, sets, regular price 60c, go for 27c
Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, sets, regular price 75c, go at 38c.
Fancy Boxes, 25c quality, go for 17c.
Fancy Boxes, 35c quality, go for 22c.
Fancy Boxes, 75c quality, go for 40c.
Celluloid Balls, 15c quality, go for 8c.
Cut Glass Vases, large size, $1 50 quality, go for 89c.
Cut Glass Vases, small size, 50c quality, go for 33c.
Puff Boxes, 20c quality, go for 11c.
Puff Boxes, 25c quality, go for 17c.
Puff Boxes, 40c quality, go for 27c.
Puff Boxes, 90c quality, go for 63c.
Collar and Cuff Boxes, large size, $1.75 quality, go for $1.
Atomizers, 65c quality, go for 46c.
Atomizers, $1.25 quality, go for 89c.
Atomizers, $1.50 quality, go for 99c.
Fancy Pin Cushions, 75c quality, go for 49c.
Ladies' Embroidered Collars, 85c quality, go for 50c.
Ladies' Embroidered Collars, $1.25 quality, go for 89c.
Table Covers, 15c quality, go for 8c.
Big reductions in Dress Goods Department.
Big reductions at our Glove Counter.
Big reductions in our Ribbon Department.
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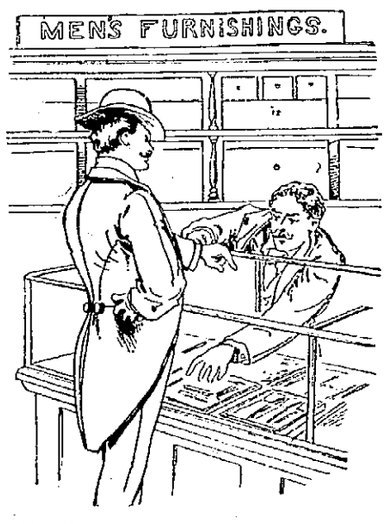
YOU CAN

Find the Tie you want for Xmas in our cases.



It will be to your advantage to see our Holiday line of Gent's Furnishings before buying. Everything new and strictly up-to-date. If anything is not satisfactory it can be exchanged after Xmas.

E. A. JOHNSON,

104 West Second St.

It Is An Easy Matter

To make statements but more difficult to prove them. We wish to make one, and that is that our line of Holiday Goods are all up-to-date in quality, variety and prices. An invitation is extended to our friends to call and examine our stock, and prove to themselves that our statements do not consist merely of paper and printers ink, but of facts. There will be no trouble to suit everybody.

FISHER & STREICH,

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And an inspection will convince anyone. The line includes Toilet Sets, Perfume Atomizers and Perfumes.

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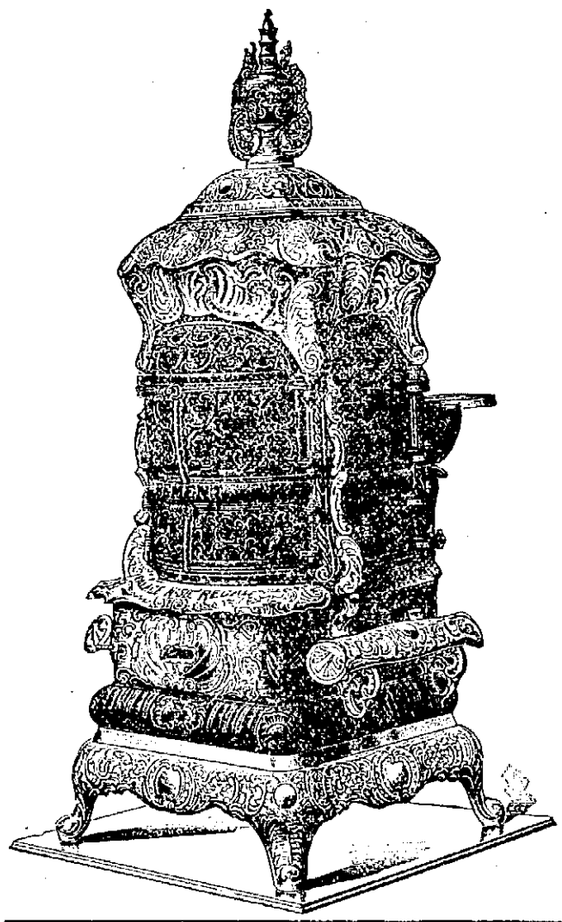

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First Class Meals at All Hours.
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A Michigan Man Offers to Send His Discovery Free.

Claims to Be a Benefacter to Weakened Mankind.

There is always more or less suspicion attached to anything that is offered free, but sometimes a man so overflows with generosity that he cannot rest until his discovery is known to the world, in order that his fellowmen may profit by what he has discovered. It is upon this principal that a resident of Kalamazoo, Mich., desires to send free to mankind a prescription which will cure them of any form of nervous debility, relieves them of all the doubt and uncertainity which such men are peculiarly liable to and restores their organs to natural size and vigor. As it costs nothing to try the experiment it would seem that any man, suffering with the nervous trouble that usually attack men who never stopped to realize what might be the final result, ought to be deeply interested in a remedy which will restore them to health, strength and vigor, without which they continue to live an existence of untold misery. As the remedy in question was the result of many years research as to what combination would be peculiarly effective in restoring to men the strength they need, it would seem that all men suffering with any form of nervous weakness ought to write for such a remedy at once. A request to H. C. Olds, Box 1,650, Kalamazoo, Mich., stating that you are not sending for the prescription out of idle curiosity, but that you wish to make use of the medicine by giving it a trial, will be answered promply and without evidence as to where information came from.

The prescription is sent free, and although some may wonder how Mr. Olds can afford to give away his discovery, there is no doubt about the offer being genuine. Cut this out and send to Mr. Olds so that he may know how you came to write him.

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Ten per cent discount for all cash sales until January 2, 1897.

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Ladies' Fleece Lined Pants at 10c A PAIR.

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To lay in a supply at this price. Other goods equally cheap

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[illegible] Burke, 51 West Second Street, [illegible] Ohio, solicits the patronage of [illegible] soldiers' widows for Pensions. [illegible] Restoration to the Rolls, etc. [illegible] information and file your claim at [illegible]
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Views and Interviews

Uncle Dow McKinney, of Fallen Timber, who never was dead, but, like Thomas Haggart, heard his own funeral sermon and saw the mourners assemble, comes to town quite frequently. On his last trip in he said to a Times reporter, "I have a new idea and want to tell you about it. I am going to have my funeral preached every year now until I die. Yes, an anniversary like. I have not spoken to the preacher about it yet, but guess he will be willing. You see, we will have it around at a different place every time. Maybe we will have it here in Portsmouth next year. It comes on the 17th of June; that's my birthday, and I'll be 81 next time. Do you know what brings people together? It's curiosity. I'm a curiosity, and people will come to hear my funeral preached. I want to give them a sort of picnic. No; I'm not going to get married. Not because I'm too old or anything of that kind, but just because I can have more fun by staying the way I am. Will let you know about my next funeral in time so as you can get in it the paper," and Uncle Dow went over to see a photographer and have his picture taken. He never forgets to have himself photographed when he comes to town.

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Here is a new conundrum: Why is a mouse that spins? The answer is, the fewer the higher. See?

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They had guessed on everything in sight except the electric light. "I'll bet you the cigars there is not a man in the crowd can guess within half a gallon what the arc light globe will hold, liquid measure." One said a gallon and a half, another two gallons, and one even ventured to say it would hold fourteen quarts. The globe holds exactly four gallons.

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Editor Wilson, of the Ironton Register, thus moralizes on the subject of New Year's resolutions:

"Resolutions are poor helps. They are not much better than the whisk of a breeze. The secret of life is not the willing to do right, but the willing to put one's self under good influences. A man may "swear off," but if he persists in loafing at the same old grocery, in passing the same old doggery, and in seeking the same old companions, "swearing off" is no more than scratching one's head. So, if a man really means to do better, let him resolve to do that which he may do—change his conditions. Let him say under what king he will serve. If he serves the same old tyrant he has been serving, he will be the same old subject. Man is a creature of circumstances, and if he would be a new creature, he must come under new circumstances."

One thing is certain; it will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, if not consumption, invariably result from a neglected cold. It is surprising too, that bad colds are so often neglected when one remembers how easily and at what little expense they may be cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is always prompt and effectual, and costs but a trifle; 25 or 50 cents is a trifle as compared with the disastrous effects of a neglected cold. Mr. Abner Mercer, of Dilworthtown, Chester county, Pa., in speaking of this remedy, said: "Sometime ago I had a bad cold and cough. I tried almost everything. Finally Mr. Hunt, the druggist, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one 50 cent bottle of it cured me entirely. For sale by Fisher & Streich.

St. Paul, Ky.

Miss Laura Book is convalescent, but her sister, Mary, is now seriously sick with the same disease—throat trouble.

Mrs. John T. Thompson is visiting her mother at Vicksburg, Miss.

Mrs. Anna Black had two valuable cows killed by the C. & O train last week.

John Sullivan, of Wilson's Bottom, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Foley returned home Monday, having spent Christmas with friends at Arion.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott came up from Vanceburg Monday to spend a few days visiting home folks.

Anthony Leitel, an old Lewis county boy who has been in business at Frankfort for twenty years, is here renewing his acquaintance among friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rochester Rugless, of Fairview, are the pleasant guests of Mrs. B. Bruce.

Misss Howland, of Quincy, was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Col. Carter, of Portsmouth, was here last week. He purchased several thousand staves of Chadwick & Triplett.

Joe Honaker gave an oyster supper and dance at his place last Tuesday evening. All report a good time.

Will Triplett, who went to Ashland to spend Christmas, returned Saturday.

The Kentucky Fire Brick works and the Chadwick & Triplett saw-mill are in full blast, giving work to a good many needy men.

Fred Besco and sister, of Lyra, O., are visiting their brother, Lewis Besco.
X. Y. Z.

Free! Free!

Cough cure free at Fisher & Streich's Saturday, January 2nd, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Read what they say to Portsmouth people. 30-3t

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

The Edison Vitascope and Refined Comedy company did a tremendous business at Chillicothe. They arrived from there this morning, and this afternoon open at the Grand for four performances. Prices 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

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John P. Mohr, the gentlemanly advance agent of the Edison Vitascope company, was in the city yesterday and last night, completing arrangements for the appearance of the company at the Grand this afternoon, tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night. In days gone by Mr. Mohr was connected with the Barnum and Forepaugh shows. He met with an accident a few nights since at Urbana, catching his thumb in the vitascope machine and losing the end of it. Dr. Davidson, of this city, dressed it last night. It is giving him much pain and uneasiness.

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The Edison Vitascope company has met with one continued overture since the season opened. The show they give is grand, and the people show their appreciation by going to see it. Prices 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

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Let everybody go to the Grand tonight and see the wonder of the age—Edison's Vitascope. In addition to the list of pictures published yesterday, these three will be presented: "Interrupted Lovers," "Japanese Dances" and the "Fitzsimmons-Maher fight, with knockout."

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There will not only be vitascope pictures at the Edison Vitascope performances, but microphone productions, comedy parts, songs and dances, the whole based on refinement and culture.

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Harry Levy, the inimitable advance agent, is here ahead of "The Burglar," which comes to the Grand next Wednesday night. Don't miss it.

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The central character presented in "The Burglar" is such a novel one, and is possessed of so much two-sidedness, at the same time so seemingly natural, that the audience marvel at the author's conception. A burlgar on a midnight exploit is rather pleasantly surprised at the appearance of a little tot, who amuses him in a very astonishing way all the while he is preparing his plunder. Before his departure from the house he discovers in Editha his own child, whose mother he has cruelly wronged and deserted. The scene of recognition is one calculated to evoke no end of interest and to keep the audience absorbed until the climax of the play. During the unfolding of the plot a comedy vein of genteel quality prevails. It may thus be said with impunity that "The Burglar" lacks no elements necessary to acceptance by all classes of theater-goers.

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Go to the Grand tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night. Edison's Vitascope and Comedy company will be there to greet you. Go hear the sweet music rendered by skilled artists on the harp, the violin, the piano and the piccalo; the charming songs by vocalists of recognized ability and standing; and the entrancing productions of the wonderful microphone. Go see the clever dances and the catchy pictures of the vitascope. See the great fight between Fitzsimmons and Maher. It will be reproduced in every detail from start to finish. Don't miss this attraction of sterling merit and worth.

Do

You want something extra fine for the holidays? Then order a dozen of the bottle beer for home us from The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company.

GET FLESH.

Get Strength, Vigor, Clear Complexion and Good Digestion, Not by Patent Medicine, But in Nature's Own Way.

Any honest physician will tell you that there is but one way to get increased flesh; all the patent medicines and cod liver oils to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Nature has but one way to increase flesh, strength and vigor of mind and body, and that is through the stomach by wholesome food well digested. There is no reason or common sense in any other method, whatever.

People are thin, run down, nervous, pale and shaky in their nerves, simply because their stomachs are weak.

They may not think they have dyspepsia, but the fact remains that they do not eat enough food, or what they eat is not quickly and properly digested, as it should be.

Dr. Harlandson says the reason is because the stomach lacks certain digestive acids and peptones, and deficient secretion of gastric juice.

Nature's remedy in such cases is to supply what the weak stomach lacks. There are several good preparations which will do this, but none so readily as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which are designed especially for all stomach troubles, and which cure all digestive weakness on the common sense plan of furnishing the digestive principles which the stomach lacks.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give perfect digestion. First effect is to increase the appetite, and increased vigor, added flesh, pure blood, and strength of nerve and muscle is the perfectly natural result.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest tonic known and will cure any form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach. May be found at druggists at 50 cents for full sized package, or direct by mail from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. Little book on stomach diseases mailed free.

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Several new patterns in all wool

Ingrain Carpet

Received. Bright, new patterns, new colorings and designs. If you can be interested, call and see them.

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Filled with good quality down—filled, not half filled—four sizes. 18x18, 20x20, 22x22 and 24x24.

Underwear.

Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Vests, fleece lined, 15c upward. Men's Gray Undershirts, 25c upward.

MARTING BROS. & CO.

Sem Annual Clearance .....Sale

OF TAILORING GOODS.

IN ACCOUNT of the accumulation of odds and ends and the constant change in novelties, we will from now until the first of January, 1897, make to order Suits and Overcoats at prices never heard of before considering the quality of the stock and the grade of work done.

Suits and Overcoats
For $20.00.
Former Prices $22.50 to $30.00.

Pants
For $5.00.
Former Price $7.50 to $10.00.

WE MAKE these reductions only for a short time, in order to dispose of our fall stock of goods and make room for Spring Goods. We have many short ends of trouserings which we can make up for men of medium height, and the price, $5.00, can not be duplicated. Come in, inspect the goods, and you will recognize the advantage of patronizing us.

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Lumber, Laths, Shingles

At Lowest Prices.
Send in Your Orders.
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Don't Miss Them!

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Untrimmed Felt Shapes that have always sold for $1.00,

Choice for 25c.

I have a few of these left and will close them out.

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At unusually low prices.

MRS. L. C. BOLUSS,

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We still have a choice stock of

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We will sell for the holidays only a choice mixture of

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Everything in our line is of the Best. Come and see us.

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If you are looking for the finest and best there is in the market

Go no Further.

You will find everthing that was ever found in a first class meat market, at the store of

Brandau & Rueppel,

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Do You Know the Difference

Between first class or inferior laundry work? If you only knew the difference

It Makes In the Appearance.

If you do not, take your laundry to the

THE PORTSMOUTH STEAM LAUNDRY

And you will be convinced as to what first class work is.

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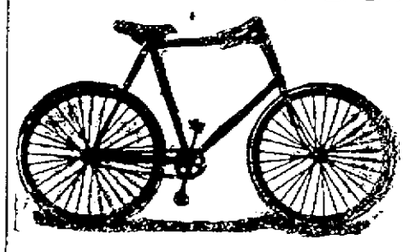

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IN SOCIETY

Pleasant Watch Party at the Selby Residence Last Night.

Times Newsboys Delightfully Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Draper.

A Swell Luncheon at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Griffiths—Robert Clare Entertains His Gentleman Friends at Cards—Other Receptions.

One of the pleasantest of the parties of young people that watched and waited for the coming of the new year, was held last evening at the home of Miss Cora Selby, on Gallia street, Misses Selby, Bertha Wait, Alice Altsman, Essie Tynes, Anna Evans and Lou Warwick entertaining their gentlemen friends to a swell dinner. The gentlemen—Messrs. Ben Dillon, Will Altsman, John Dillon, Mark Selby, Fred Tynes and George Walters—took the young ladies to the opera house to the Cincinnati Glee club entertainment. After the program had been rendered, the party adjourned to the Selby residence, which had been beautifully decorated for their reception. At eleven o'clock they sat down to dinner. The table was superb in its decorations of smilax and cut flowers, while long festoons hung gracefully from the chandeliers. The dinner was an elegant one of five courses, the hostesses having spent several anxious hours in its preparation. The new year was welcomed with a shout, and amidst a chorus of "Happy New Year!" the pleasantest watch party of them all broke up.

NEWSBOYS' PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Draper charmingly entertained the Times newsboys at their handsome residence on West Sixth street last evening. The boys were royally entertained and spent one of the happiest evenings of their lives. During the evening Mrs. Draper read to the boys the "Carriers' Address" she had prepared for this year. Later Mr. and Mrs. Draper became young again and got out all the toys that had been their pride and joy in bygone years, and furnished great amusement by playing with them as they used to do. Later, a dainty luncheon was served, and the boys scattered to their homes, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Draper for a pleasant evening.

SWELL LUNCHEON.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths, of East Front street, was a scene of richest splendor and sumptuous repast last evening, and through the hours of midnight, and up to the time the stars sang together this morning.

The occasion was a swell luncheon, arranged along the line of an old English custom, and for the purpose of watching the old year out and the new year in.

The interior of the house was handsomely decorated and brilliantly illuminated. Flowers shed forth sweet fragrance, and trailing vines added to the loveliness of the gorgeous lay-out. The dining-room was a perfect bower of beauty. A large table occupied the center of this room, laden with an array of eatables, the choicest and the best. Over and above the table, in golden letters, was: "1896-1897, A Happy New Year to All!"

The guests were the most intimate friends of the Griffiths family, numbering twenty. As soon as they were seated to the magnificent menu, which included, in addition to the eatables, seven kinds of wine, Burt Hogan, the popular flash-light photographer, was introduced. He had his camera and powder with him, and in a jiffy had a negative of host and hostess, their children, their guests, and the surroundings of grandeur. He also "flashed" the other rooms of the Griffiths home.

The city's leading musicians were present, and they delighted with enrancing music. The solos of Miss Sara Stephens were very fine.

The luncheon, as a whole, was one of the finest affairs known to Portsmouth society. It was grand in every detail, and will long be remembered.

A STAG PARTY.

Mr. Robert Clare entertained a number of gentlemen friends at his residence, at the corner of Eighth and Washington streets, last night. The evening was spent in playing progressive euchre, twenty games being played. John Brushart won the prize, winning sixteen games out of twenty. Mr. Brushart made a remarkable record. He lost the first three games, then won two, lost one, and then won fourteen consecutive games. Sam Heer won the booby prize, but diligent inquiry failed to reveal the number of games punched to his credit. At the conclusion of the games, Mrs. Clare, assisted by Mrs. John Brushart, Miss Maude Jennings and Miss Kate Horr, served an elegant supper, and sitting around the hospitable board, the party welcomed the new year. Those present were Sam Heer, James Hagar, Howard Harsha, Henry Bertram, Wash Kinney, Earl Clare, David Stahler, Percy Wilhelm and John Brushart.

A WATCH PARTY.

Mrs. Lillian Andres entertained a number of friends at her residence on West Seventh street last night. The party watched the new year in and spent a delightful evening.

A PLEASANT RECEPTION.

Miss Mary Dill and Mr. Augustus Dill entertained the P. H. S. literary club at their residence, on East Tenth street, Wednesday from 2 to 4 p. m. A delightful time was reported by all. At 3:30 they were invited into the dining-room, where all did themselves justice. Those present were Misses Irene Scott, Nanny Crenshaw, Hattie Carr, Pearl Anderson, Mary Dill, and Messrs. Wm. W. Penn, Frederick Minor and Augustus Dill.

AN OYSTER SUPPER.

The oyster supper and social given at the New Boston United Baptist church last night was a grand success. A large number were present and spent a very pleasant evening.

A "QUIET" CROWD.

Miss Mame and Power Brown entertained a happy crowd of young people at their home on Offnere street last evening. The young people first attended the Glee club concert at the opera house. They then adjourned to the Brown residence and welcomed the new year in an appropriate and very "quiet" manner. The guests enjoyed themselves immensely.

REEG-JEFFORDS NUPTIALS.

George P. Reeg, junior member of the firm of Reeg & Reeg, proprietors of the River City laundry, was united in marriage last night to Miss Ella Jeffords. They will go to housekeeping at once with the best wishes of many friends.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Jacob Goetz is visiting relatives in Columbus.

Miss Amelia Bittner, of Dayton, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Geo. Freshel has returned from a visit with Manchester friends.

Jesse Beck left this morning for a short visit with relatives at Bethel.

M. O. Gates, cutter for J. Eisman & Co., is visiting his family at Mansfield.

Mrs. Reinhardt, of Waverly, is the guest of her son-in-law John Redepenning.

Mr. John Taylor, of Wheelersburg, is the guest of Dr. S. D. Ruggless, for a few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Klatz, of Columbus, is visiting her brother-in-law, Henry Kugelman.

Jacob Schreiner, a student in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, is visiting Arthur Bode.

Miss Edna Howard, of Chillicothe, is the guest of Miss Edith Doty, coming down for the Assembly dance.

John and Jake Massa accompanied by their mother will leave Monday for Sedalia, Mo., to visit friends.

Miss Mae Kaylor, left yesterday via C. & O. for Ashland Ky., to visit her friend Miss Nellie Claggett.

Henry Redden, of Decatur, Ala., brother of Capt. Harvey Redden, is visiting old friends in the city.

Miss Mollie Kirschenslager, of Chillicothe, is the guest of Miss Emma Wilhelm, of East Eight street.

Mrs. Anna Couch and two children, of Washington, C. H. are visiting Mrs. Wm. Schirrman, of Chillicothe street.

J. J. Sutton was in the city today. He will leave tomorrow for the Brushart lumber camps at Edgarton, W. Va.

Miss Grace McDaniel left for Ironton today where she will spend several weeks with her sister Mrs. George Mooney.

F. L. Kalb who has been with J. J. Brushart, for over two years has resigned his position. Mr Kalb is a hustler in his line.

Mrs. Christ Nuernberger, of Williamsburg, Pa., is visiting relatives here. She formerly resided in Portsmouth, being Miss Wilhelm.

Mrs. George Goodman has returned home after a weeks visit at Columbus, O., accompanied by her sister Mrs. Al Eichenlaub and son Master Arthur.

Miss Jane Goodison, who is attendant at the Gallipolis Epileptic asylum, arrived in the city this afternoon to visit her mother on West Third street.

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Winter is now with us, and you are liable to contract Colds, Cough, Pneumonia and Lung Disease; therefore do not fail to call at the Drug Store of Messrs. Fisher & Streich, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 9 p. m., and receive, FREE OF CHARGE, a bottle of

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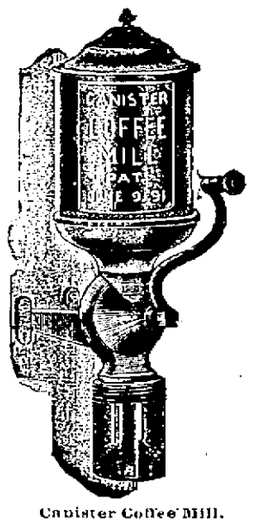

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M'GOVNEY WILL SET ASIDE

Important Suit Settled in the Lawrence County Courts—Real Estate Valued at $140,000 Involved.

The suit of Mary M. Witman vs. Augusta B. McGovney et al, to set aside the will of Thos. McGovney, terminated in the Lawrence county courts Wednesday. A verdict was given, setting aside the will, and estate valued at $140,000 passes out of the hands of trustees and is partitioned between two heirs.

This case has been dragging through the Lawrence county courts for five or six years. The defendants had originally retained Hon. H. S. Neal, of Ironston, and Hon. Wells A. Hutchins, of this city, to fight the suit but after the latter's death Judge Thompson was retained in his stead. A. R. Johnson and E. F. Williams, represented the plaintiff. Motion for a new trial has been filed by the defendants

Dr. McGovney was one of the wealthiest men in Southern Ohio. He died in August, 1888. His will, which was drawn up by Judge Bannon, of Portsmouth, was made in Nov. 1887, a codicil being added in April, 1888.

By the terms of the will the doctor devised his property to George Willard, to be held in trust for the doctor's two daughters, Mrs. Witman and Miss Augusta B. McGovney, who were to receive the income from the estate during their lifetime, and at their death the income should go to their children, if there were any. In the event of the death of either of the daughters, without issue, her share was to go to the survivor. The doctor also made some small benevolent bequests, but as his death occurred within a year these lapsed. On August 6th, 1890, Mrs. Witman began a suit to set aside her father's will on the grounds that at the time of making it he was not in proper mental condition to dispose of his estate.

In the meantime George Willard was removed by the probate court as trustee of the estate and H. C. Burr and J. F. Austin were appointed trustees and W. D. Corn was appointed administrator, de bonis non, with will annexed. In the suit, however, which was tried to a jury in March, 1893, the trustees were not made parties, and as the interested parties made no contest, a verdict was easily obtained, setting aside the will.

Then Messrs. Burr and Austin, as trustees, came in and asked to be made parties defendant, and filed a motion to set aside the verdict on the grounds that they were necessary and proper parties to the suit. The verdict was accordingly set aside and a new trial granted. This latter trial came up at the present term, and as a special docket case was heard by Judge James. The trial began on December 15th. The suit was prosecuted by Mrs. Witman on the ground that her fathers' mental condition at the time the will was made was such that he was incapable of making a proper disposition of his estate and that he was at the time under the undue influence of George Willard. The hearing of the testimony occupied about eight days, closing December 23d, and many witnesses were examined to show the mental condition of Dr. McGovney, who was ill for some time previous to making his will.

B. & O. Appointments.

The following appointments have been made on the B. & O.:

E. J. McCurdy has been appointed freight and ticket agent at Dunbar, Pa., vice G. Z. Hershberger.

W. H. Walker has been appointed freight agent at Parkersburg, W. Va., vice John Adair.

U. B. Williams has been appointed train master of the middle division, with headquarters at Cumberland, Md.

J. E. Glenn has been appointed freight and ticket agent at Harrisonburg, Va., vice R. R. Douthat, resigned.

Cheerful

Holiday wishes the Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company to all its patrons, and to our good citizens in general.

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, post-master at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my head or arms, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since. People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by Fisher & Streich, druggists.

THOSE HERRING!

The Press Agent of the Opera House Receives a New Year's Gift—He Don't Want Any More Just Like It.

The press agent of the Grand opera house was called rather hurriedly from the balcony last night to the office of the Safford Hotel.

He was informed that a package awaited him, and in going after it, he nearly broke his neck. He thought he was going to be the recipient of a fine New Year's present. A neat looking box was handed him by the hotel clerk, and he was positive it contained a gold watch or some other valuable.

He tore the paper from around it. The seal was broken, and the lid raised. Holy Moses! Instead of watch or jewelry, there were crackers, old and moldy, and dried herring with the smell of Noah's time on them. The press agent grabbed his nose, said he believed he was taking the catarrh, and requested the calling of a physician. Onlookers scattered wildly and thought of custard tied up in a rag. One onlooker fell down the basement stairway trying to get away. Another ran into Otto Layher, as the latter was coming into the hotel, and a third pell-melled into the arms of Officer Ingles and was locked up.

It was a great night; everybody enjoyed the fun. It cost the press agent $5 for drinks and cigars. He offers another $5 for the apprehension of the perpetrator of the joke. He has an idea it came from Burt Hogan, Ed. Bender, Prof. Degenhart or John P. Mohr. The latter suggests that there'll be more to follow.

A LITTLE SMASH-UP

A Beer Car Breaks Loose From the B. & O. S-W. Mail and Causes a Little Wreck.

Conductor Severs, of the B. & O. S-W. mail train was badly shaken up and his back sprained by a little smash-up yesterday evening at Cross Roads. A refrigerator car, loaded with beer, which was attached to the rear end of the train, broke loose. The train stopped at the station and the beer car came crashing into the rear end. Mr. Severs, who was standing up, was thrown heavily. His back was sprained and he will not be able to be on duty for some time. The draw-bars of the coach and the beer car were broken.

VERY STRANGE

That Solicitor Woodrow Should Neglect This Piece of Pavement on the Principal Residence Street.

There is a litlte piece of sidewalk on East Second street in front of the new grocery building that is going up that should be repaired. The ownesr of property on either side have their sidewalks fixed up, as required by law, and there should be no exceptions. Solicitor Woodrow was instructed by council to see that all sidewalks were reppaired, and it is strange, indeed, that he should nelgect this pavement on the principal residence street in the city.

Scioto Gun Club Shoot.

The Scioto Gun club held their annual club shoot at New Boston this afternoon. The club trophy this year was a handsome silver-mounted powder can donated by the Laflin & Rand Smokeless Powder company. Those entered in the contest with their handicap were Capt. West, scratch; Conley, 7; Thompson, 10; Glockner, 7; Doerr, 10; Vail, 20; Amann, 12; Gilgen, 2; A. Bannon, 12; Sanford, 10; H. Bannon, 15; Duke, 20; Adays, 9, and Peebles, 15.

Dude Blake Wanted By the Reds.

There is a possibility that Portsmouth fans and admirers of "Dude" Blake may have the opportunity the coming season to see him with the Cincinnati Reds. There is talk of his changing places with "Bug" Holliday. Tebeau, however, does not favor the exchange, and "Dude" may stay with the Spiders.

His Mother Sick.

Will Gergins was called to Waverly yesterday afternoon by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his mother. Mr. Gergins is a shoemaker, employed at Drew, Selby & Co.'s, and lives on Gallia street.

Landlord Legler Gets the Best.

Dan Biggs, formerly cook at the Biggs House, has taken charge of the cuisine department at Hotel Portsmouth. He is one of the best in this section.

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This space will be occupied soon by our annual statement. In the interim you will find it to your advantage to open account early in the year with the Royal. We have declared our usual dividend for the term ending Dec. 26. JOHN K. DUKE, Secretary, 51 West Second street.

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Ladies' Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Vests and Drawers at	35c apiece
Ladies' Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Vests and Drawers at	50c apiece
Children's Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Vests at	10c
Children's Extra Heavy Camel's Hair Vests at	10c
Children's Extra Heavy Natural Wool Vests at	10c
Men's Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Shirts and Drawers at	25c apiece
Men's Extra Heavy Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers at	25c apiece
Men's Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Shirts and Drawers at	50c apiece
Men's Extra Heavy Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers and	50c apiece

Cold Weather Hosiery.

Infant's Woolen Hosiery at	5c	Ladies' extra heavy fleeced hosiery	20c
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DUN'S REPORT.

The Year Closes With an Epidemic of Failures.

More Commercial Failures in 1896 Than in Any Year Except 1893.

A Year of Singular and Confusing Fluctuations in Prices—Holiday Dullness Intensified by the Failures—Confidence That Trade Will Improve.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly review of trade Saturday, will say:

There have been more commercial failures in 1896 than in any previous year except 1893, about 14,890 against 13,197 last year, with liabilities of about $225,000,000, against $173,196,050 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent. and in liabilities of 29 per cent. The year closes with an epidemic of failures, which were mainly at the west and in banks, loan and trust companies, or concerns dependent on them. The action of clearing houses in various places indicates no want of confidence, and several banks which have failed will be enabled to pay in full, but disclosures of unsoundness in a few widely known institutions in the abnormal state of popular feeling after an excited contest on monetary issues, has caused distrust and suspicion where it is frequently undeserved.

There has been no monetary pressure to cause trouble, nor have important western products declined in value. There has evidently been too liberal assistance given by some fidisuary concerns to speculative operations. No drain on eastern funds has resulted since the first alarm at two large failures, and the money then sent has all returned. Failures often grow more frequent as annual settlements approach.

The year 1896 has been one of singular and confusing fluctuations in prices, of which very full details are given. Wheat rose to 81c February 8, fell to 69½c June 29, and rose to 92c December 29. Cotton started at 8.31 with stories of scanty supply, fell to 7.62 March 5, rose to 8.37 May 7, dropped to 7.05 July 15, when a heavy surplus was pressing, rose to 8.87 September 10, with stories that the new crop was ruined, fell to 7.06, but closed at 7.12. Wool rose to an average of 14.74 for all domestic grades February 1, fell to 12.16 September 1, rose to 13.06 December 1 and has since declined. Iron and its products rose 3 per cent. to April 1 and then declined every month to December 1, in all about 20 per cent., since rising slightly. Boots and shoes fell 14 per cent. in the spring, against leather 18 and hides 21 per cent. Then shoes rose gradually 20 per cent. to December and leather 17 per cent. but has since fallen 3 per cent. while hides rose 25 per cent. to June 3, dropped 22 per cent. to July 8, rose to 50 per cent. to November 4 and have since declined 13 per cent. Cotton goods were at the highest point January 1, fell off 17 per cent. to August 6, rose about 7 per cent. to November 9, and have since declined about 2 per cent. The incongruity of these changes shows what obstacles business has to face.

In none of the industries mentioned has there been activity the past week. Holiday dullness has been intensified by the failures and the efforts of great combinations to make new arrangements. With iron, coke, wool, cotton and hides all somewhat lower there is almost universal confidence that business will soon become large and safer than for a long time. Cotton mills have enormous stocks of unsold goods in some lines, the surplus of print cloths being the largest ever known and about a quarter of a year's consumption. Wool sales decreased 24 per cent. in the first four months and were smaller than for five years; decreased 56 per cent. in second four months when new wool was coming forward, and were much the smallest ever known, except in the panic of 1873; but enormous sales, mainly speculative, made the aggregate during the last four months nearly equal to that of last year.

The volume of business during the year 1896 has varied remarkably. Payments through the clearing houses were slightly larger in each of the first four months than in 1895, but 20 per cent. smaller than in 1892. In the six months, May and October inclusive, payments were every month smaller than in the previous year, 15 per cent. in September, and in that month and October about 24 per cent. smaller than in 1892. In November a small improvement over 1895 appeared and the decrease from 1892 was but 12 per cent., but in December payments were 9.8 per cent. smaller than last year, and 20.8 per cent. smaller than 1893. Railroad earnings were slightly larger than last year in each of the first seven months, and smaller in each month than in 1892. In August and the latter months there has been a decrease as great as 13 per cent. in November from 1895 and 16.2 per cent. in August from 1892.

Wheat has risen to the highest point since June, 1892, because western receipts in five weeks have been but 13,280,000 bushels against 22,606,357 last year. Atlantic exports, flour included, have been in five weeks 9,900,000 bushels against 10,412,249 last year. The exports from New York were five per cent. larger and imports 12 per cent. smaller than last year.

Diphtheria's Terrible Work.

SANDUSKY, O., Jan. 1.—Thursday night the last child of Jacob Vogel died of diphtheria, making the fifth in the family within ten days from this disease. The parents are naturally distracted and it is feared the mother will lose her mind.

Ex-Mayor Howell Dying.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 1.—Ex-Mayor Howell, of this city, is dying at his residence in this city of a complication of diseases. He was born in Bradford, Eng., in [illegible]

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Globe by Telegraph.

Jimmy Donnelly, for the past year third baseman for the Champion Baltimores, has signed with the Pittsburghs.

An assignment was made by the Tyler Foundry and Machine Co., at Tyler, Tex. This is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the state. The assets and liabilities are not known.

Lord Wm. Beresford, husband of the dowager duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Hammersley, of New York, was thrown from his horse while hunting and seriously injured. He is lying in a critical condition.

The landslide which occurred near Rathmore, county Kerry, Ireland, on Sunday and Monday, has not yet subsided. The bog is moving toward the river, and there are fears of a further sliding of the hill behind it.

Five employes of Wm. Barr & Co.'s department store in St. Louis, were arrested Thursday charged with theft. They included three clerks, a bundle wrapper and a cashier and by the manipulation of sale checks are said to have stolen thousands of dollars.

Trained nurses from the Nurses' Protective association, Allegheny, Pa., are anxious to visit Cuba and render what professional assistance they can for the wounded and destitute people of the stricken island. At a meeting three of the brave young women volunteered.

J. D. R. Elliott, the crack professional pigeon shot from Kansas City, defeated E. D. Fulford, the Utica champion at Dexter Park, New York, Thursday. The match was for $100 a side and the Kansas City trophy; 100 birds each, 30 yards and 50 yards boundary.

Edward Z. Taplor, alias Arthur W. Platt, who is under arrest in London, charged with the murder of Jesse Tyree, in Kentucky in 1885, was arraigned in the Bow street police court Thursday morning, and further remanded, pending the arrival of papers concerning the case from America.

David S. Birdsall, who was a member of the first professional base ball club that ever represented Boston, is dead, from the results of an operation performed a year ago. He was 57 years old. He retired in 1872, not being strong enough to face the more speedy pitching that came into vogue.

Representative Webster C. Weiss, of Northampton, arrived at Harrisburg, Pa., Thursday and said he knew nothing about an attempt to bribe him by E. A. Van Valkenburg, one of Mr. Wanamaker's managers. He scarcely knows the accused man and does not know Gibson, who made the information.

Judge Freeman Thursday appointed Charles L. Boyd receiver for Schultz Bros., lumber dealers, at 84 Van Buren street, Chicago. Wm. Schultz, a partner, filed the bill, alleging insolvency and partnership disagreement. He placed the liabilities largely in excess of the assets, which are estimated at $15,000.

Anthony Paradine, 33 years of age, an electric light inspector, was shocked to death Thursday while fixing an arc light in Stockton, a suburb of Camden, N. J. The full charge of 2,500 volts passed through his body, killing him instantly. Paradine wore rubber gloves, and how he received the shock is a mystery.

At the Cuban Junta it was said Thursday that the Dauntless and Commodore would probably leave Jacksonville about Saturday with arms and ammunitions for the insurgents. The statement telegraphed from Washington that both will take out clearance papers in the regular way is confirmed in New York.

It was reported at Menominee Falls, Wis., Thursday on apparently good authority that the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co. has bought up the Milwaukee and Superior railroad and has been making surveys at Granville and also west from Sussex with the object of continuing the road from the present terminus at that place to Watertown.

An Appeal for Contributions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday issued an appeal for contributions in aid of the sufferers from the famine now prevailing in India.

Forecast for Friday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—For Ohio and Indiana—Increasing cloudiness with rains, fresh and brisk southeasterly winds.

For Kentucky—Generally cloudy with rain; easterly to southeasterly winds.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.

FLOUR—Spring fancy, $3.90@4.25; spring family, $3.55@3.85; spring patent, $4.55@4.90; winter patent, $4.75@4.95; fancy, $4.25@4.50; family, $3.60@3.90; extra, $2.75@3.25; low grades, $2.50@2.75; rye, northwestern, $2.70@2.80; do city, $2.70@2.80.

WHEAT—No 2 red, track, at 94½c.

CORN—Sales: No. 2 yellow, track, 22c. No. 2 mixed, track, 21½c.

OATS—Sales: No 3 mixed, track, 17¼c; No 2 mixed, switched, 19c; sample, white, track, 21c.

HOGS—Select shippers', $3.35@3.40; select butchers', $3.35@3.40; fair to good packers' $3.25@3.35; fair to good light, $3.30@3.45; common and roughs, $2.75@3.15.

CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, $3.75@4.40; choice, $4.50; good to choice butchers, $3.90@4.25; fair to medium butchers, $3.25@3.85; common, $2.25@3.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Extras, $3.60@3.75; good to choice, $3.00@3.50, common to fair, $2.25@2.75. Lambs—Extras, $4.75@4.85; good to choice, $4.25@4.75; common to fair, $3.75@4.00.

VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, $5.50@6.25, extra, $6.50, common and large, $3.00@5.25.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine merino, 9@10c per lb, quarter-blood clothing 12@13c; medium, delaine and clothing, 12@14c; braid, 11@12c; medium combing, 13@14½c. Washed, fine merino X to XX 11@12c; medium clothing, 14@[illegible]; delaine fleece, 14@15c; long combing 15@16c; quarter-blood and low, 13@14c; common coarse, 11@12c; tub-washed choice, 17@[illegible]; tub-washed average, 16@17c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.

WHEAT—December [illegible] March [illegible] May [illegible]

CORN—No. 2 [illegible] May [illegible]

OATS—State [illegible] western [illegible] February [illegible] May [illegible]

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.

WHEAT—December [illegible] January [illegible] May [illegible] July [illegible]

CORN—December [illegible] January [illegible] May [illegible]

OATS—December [illegible] January, 16½c; May, [illegible]

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People Are Talking All Over Portsmouth—This Report Comes From Robinson Avenue.

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N. B.—To be continued in our next. ***

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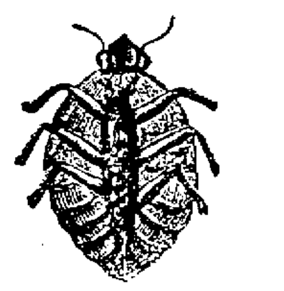

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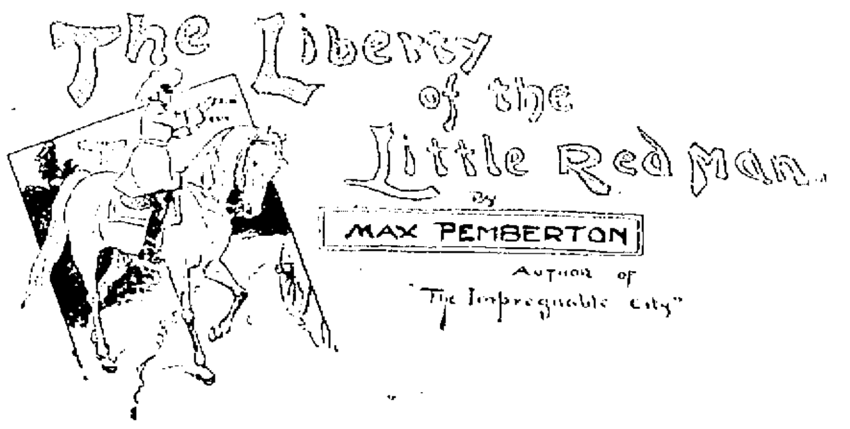


AND OTHER JANUARY STORIES.

Our fiction service for the first month of the New Year will present an unusual variety of

Old and New Romance.

The first story on our list is from the pen of the brilliant author of "The Impregnable City."

MAX PEMBERTON.

"THE LIBERTY OF THE LITTLE RED MAN" is concerned with the exploits of a famous character in old Paris, in the time of Louis XV, known as "Coq le Roi," and the assistance rendered him by a court beauty, Corinne de Montesson, in his escapades.

MAX PEMBERTON.

It will be succeeded by a powerful study of one of the questions of the day entitled "WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS——?" by

MARGARET DELAND,

author of "John Ward, Preacher," "Sidney," and other novels which have gained universal attention and discussion. The story which we shall print is based on the wisdom or unwisdom of confessing a fault which has long since been atoned for, under circumstances which seem to demand such a confession. It is a keen study of character by one who has gained pre-eminence in the portrayal of the workings of the human soul.

Two stories of the war, by

JOS. A. ALTSHELER AND WILL N. HARBEN,

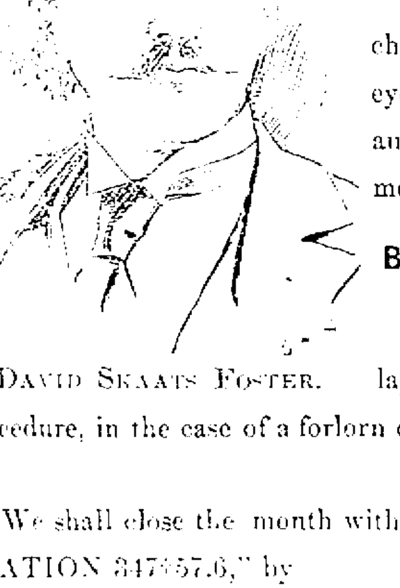
MARGARET DELAND.

will follow. Mr. Altsheler, in "AT THE CANNON'S MOUTH," has portrayed a touching occurrence in one of the battles of the Peninsular campaigns. Mr. Harben, in "A WAR TIME INCIDENT," has drawn one of his characteristic pictures of the life of the period among the poor whites of the far South.

"THE MAN WHO LOOKED LIKE THE KING," by

DAVID SKAATS FOSTER.

Of Utica, N. Y., author of "A Crisis in Oldendorf," and "The Six Dumb-bells of Castle Schreckenstrohm," is, like those lively *contes drolatiques*, concerned with the experience of an American in Germany, who unintentionally meddles with the affairs of a small German principality, and passes through a laughable series of adventures in consequence.



DAVID SKAATS FOSTER.

Another story portraying German character as seen through American eyes, has been written for us by the author of "Guenn" and "One Summer,"

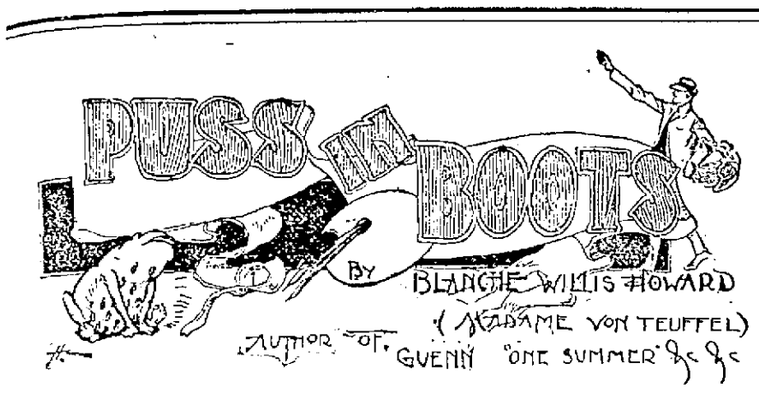
BLANCHE WILLIS HOWARD.

It is a keen satire upon the delays and formalities of foreign legal procedure, in the case of a forlorn old man who had fallen into difficulties.

We shall close the month with a typical story of Western life "STATION 347457.6," by

WOLCOTT LeCLEAR BEARD,

author of "Specs," "The Martyrdom of John the Baptist," "Bismaje Madeleine," and other remarkable short stories which have recently appeared in the leading magazines.



SYNOPSIS.

Richard Burgdorf, a young German artist, whose nickname is "Prince Chardo," and his friend Florio, a literary student, in the course of their "Wanderjahr" through Germany, have reached the end of their resources, and find themselves, weary, footsore and hungry, by the wayside near a German town. Richard, in whose artistic ability Florio has great faith, sinks down and can go no further. Florio bestirs himself to secure food and a bed for his friend. After one or two reverses, he knocks at a promising looking door. A kindly old German woman receives him, gives him food for himself and Richard, and advises him to put on a bold face. He goes through the vineyards, makes friends with an old workman, to whom he jestingly talks about his master, "Prince Chardo." The old man takes the remark seriously, and Florio is inspired with the idea of using his supposed master's name as a recommendation, in the manner of "Puss-in-Boots." The plan is successful, and Florio obtains work, and secures temporary lodgings for himself and his friend, who is ignorant of the subterfuge. Florio also poses as a famous concert singer in disguise. He gives a trial before a manager.

PART IV.

A little greasy, good-natured man sat at the piano.

"Just let me try my paces with you?" Florio put his hands on his hips, opened his audacious mouth and roared an "Ah" scale with a good light baritone, fairly well trained.

"Now, one of your specialties, if you please," the director, even more expansive, requested. If the young fellow had a hit, it would really be a godsend, for that little vixen Ninette had torn up her contract in his face, refused point blank to appear that evening, and threatened, unless he doubled her salary, to go over altogether to the Colisseum. The public was daft about her, and her celebrated No. 14 promised to be a blank. "You've brought no music?"

"I've been on a walking tour with a friend, and not yet looked up my luggage. I don't mind singing with no accompaniment."

Florio nonchalantly sauntered toward the footlights, and began "The Bullfrog's Roundelay," a mocking, nonsensical, wise, delicious thing, written by his dear, dead father, and set to music by the equally happy and whimsical genius of a friend, for a Christmas merrymaking not a decade ago. It seemed to Florio but yesterday that he was one of a chorus of rapturous urchins who, in complete frog garb, crouched on their hind legs during the solo, and croaked and gurgled the refrain, while hopping, after the agile mode of the marshes. As he sang, remembering the kindly light of other days, the present grievous straits looked black enough, and in his throat were divers gulps foreign to the original composition, but he acquitted himself creditably for all that, and the director rubbed his fat hands.

"A good thing."

"A very good thing," echoed the pleased Kapellmeister. "I'll get you a fine accompaniment, sir. Strings?"

"Strings," decreed the lofty Florio, with a vile desire to weep.

"You sang in "F." The Kapellmeister struck some chords, and ran prettily through the melody.

"Just give me some sudden double-croaks in the refrain, will you? Horn, flageolet, bassoon and that sort of thing, you know," suggested the singer, as one born in the music hall purple.

"You shall have them, never fear."

"Capital!" exulted the director. "They are moping at the Colisseum. All it wants is some local hits—" privately assured it would bring down the house. "Hinkenfuss must write you some gags."

"I always do my own gags," rejoinded the Star stiffly.

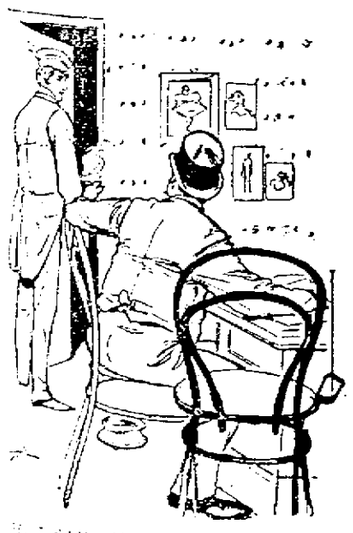
"So much the better. I'll merely give you a few hints, since you are a stranger. I'll note them for you. Politics, court gossip, news about town, all as risky as possible, you know, without being actually compromising."

"Quite my genre," said Florio gravely, accompanying the exceedingly urbane director back to his private room.

"As to terms," that gentleman remarked suavely, "I like your song and don't mind paying for it," suggesting a third of Ninette's salary.

Florio looked him in the eyes, put on his hat and walked toward the door.

"Oh, come now, since it's to oblige you." The director named two-thirds



"SAY, COME BACK. YOU'RE A SPOILED ONE."

[illegible] Florio's little dame's emolu-
[illegible] on the threshold.

"Good morning," he said amiably. "I'll just look in at the Colisseum."

"Oh, I say, come back. You're a spoiled one, I see plainly. I'll not deny it. I want your song. It's fresh."

"It's not bad," Florio admitted negligently. "In fact, it's one of my best. It is Prince Chardo's favorite."

"Ah, indeed!"

"Oh, dear, yes. I've sung it to him in private audience fifty times, if I have once."

The singer, under the name of Willy Winkel, was shortly being engaged by written contract on the gratifying terms paid hitherto in that chaste temple of art only to Ninette, the darling of the public.

"Minx, she's led me a pretty dance! She'll sing in a different key to-morrow morning. Six months?" he asked insidiously, glancing up from his desk to the youth sitting easily on the corner of a table, who shook his head oracularly.

"Na, na! I have larger things in view. I may and may not stay with you some months, but I can engage only by the week. What time am I on to-night?" he asked languidly.

"No. 14, between ten and eleven. Be here at ten, if you please. The Kapellmeister may want you a moment. Second entrance left. The bills are out, of course, but I'll announce you with a rousing placard."

"I say! It's awkward about my luggage. I had forgotten. I can't sing to-night."

"Donnerwetter! What do you mean?"

"Why, my frog costume, man! You don't suppose I can sing my song without my own complete frog-mask? You'll have to wait till next week."

"Wait till next week! Not to save your soul! Well, you artists are all alike, as two peas. You all want your own capricious little way, don't you! No, sir. You don't know what you are talking about. You'll find a first-class frog-costume in your dressing room, sir. Trust me for that. And it's an admirable idea, Herr Willy Winkel, and so opportune, for the Colisseum's had a cow on three nights. Not sing for want of your own costume? You shall be satisfied, sir. Only look in early enough to try it."

Florio sat for awhile on a bench in a park and played with his cap. His features wore the happy, artless smile we love to see upon the face of youth. Stepping into a shop he begged to be allowed to glance at a directory, from which he copied a long list of picture dealers.

"Have you anything by Richard Burgdorf?" he inquired of each and all of them.

They regretted to say they had never even heard of him.

"Ah? Indeed!"

Polite but unmistakable surprise upon the open countenance of the young man, obviously the intelligent servant of a magnate. They noted the name of the artist.

Most of these shops were too sumptuous, too lavishly provided with supernumeraries, to suit the delicate poise of Florio's designs. Finally he found in a quiet street a place of modest yet apparently prosperous character,

"OH, NEVER MIND. PAY WITH THE LARGER ORDER."

although its rosy young proprietor was too busy to be standing at his door gazing benevolently at the passers-by.

Florio examined the pictures in the window.

"Have you anything by that very remarkable young painter, Richard Burgdorf?"

"Never heard of him," replied the other, but not in the Olympian manner of his predecessors.

Florio raised his eyebrows.

"Well, you see," explained the young man, frankly, attracted by the other's face, and, being himself of humble extraction, quite at ease with a person of that class, "I am a beginner. I've always been in frames. But I'm fond of pictures and am gradually working over. They say I'm not a bad judge. Of course, I have a good deal to learn. Won't you come in and look about? I've got one or two nice things, and some fine engravings I'd be happy to show you."

"Oh, guilelessness," sighed Florio, "how beautiful thou art! To think I, too, was once like that, before I got hungry and hardened."

"You have painter's materials, I see," he said, pleasantly. "Very tolerable stock."

"Oh, yes. Everything."

"He's a good fellow. It's a pity. It's almost like lying to the blessed granny of my dreams. Whereas the thrifty husbandman and the serpentine director got a wint more than they deserved. Still—"

"We shall soon be wanting a lot of things in that line, I suppose," he observed carelessly. "My master, Prince Chardo, paints."

"Should be honored by his highness' patronage," returned the young man, erect, brisk and respectful.

"Just hand me your business card, will you? I'll try to remember to come again. I always attend to such things. Of course, we are besieged by tradespeople, and being new here—" he muttered vaguely.

"What painter was it you asked for?"

"Oh, yes—Burgdorf. Richard Burgdorf. My master is uncommonly interested in his work, and thinks the world will hear great things of him yet. By the way, could you recommend me a studio? A quiet, simple place? The prince will be wanting something of the sort. He naturally prefers not to work among the colonies of painters in great art buildings. His highness works very steadily, you understand, needs a good studio, but secluded, where he can go about incognito."

"I know just the place," exclaimed the young man, with animation. "An artist left suddenly only this morning. But it's always in demand. If you don't hurry, you won't get it."

"I'll hurry fast enough."

"I'll write the address for you."

"Here, just write it on your card."

"It's not far. Up this street to the fountain, then turn to the left, up the hill and the long stone steps to the gardens. They are quite old people. A gardener and his wife. You'll find nothing so good in town. A large atelier and sleeping room adjoining built up there in the garden by a painter who searched far and wide before he found the light and conditions that suited him, and then died before he could move in, poor chap!"

"Peace to his ashes! I'm obliged to you. You've done us a greater service than you are aware."

"It is in my own interest; I shall hope to see you often. Nothing at all today?"

"Well, I hardly know. I might call in on my way back for some canvas, a small one. Stretch it, please, about that size. Just put up a few paints, too, and some brushes—the usual thing, please. I don't really know what is needed." He made an easy movement toward his pocket.

"Oh, never mind. Pay with the larger order."

"Bless you, honest Johannes Mezler, all the days of your pilgrimage!" said the schemer to himself as he walked away. "You shall never lose one penny through me. After all, it is not as if Chardo were not a born genius. That he is, I swear it."

TO BE CONTINUED.

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FACTS FOR FARMERS.

The best kind of bedding for stock can be provided with leaves. They prevent draughts along the floor and are easily handled. Rake them as soon as they begin to fall and store them under shelter for winter use.

Dr. Galen Wilson says: "All sheep men will admit in due time that feed and not breed gives quality to mutton. Mutton is little wanted for local consumption. The demand is for lamb. Lambs and wool occupy the arena, and who dares say that a 12-pound fleece is not worth more than a six-pounder?"

Let any farmer who keeps sheep for the wool they produce estimate its annual value and then compare such value with that which he derives from mutton and lamb, so as to determine in which direction the sheep give the largest profit, and he will not hesitate to increase the size of the sheep by improving with mutton breeds.

The object in pruning grapes is to get a well-formed vine and a large yield of the best fruit. Two-thirds of the year's growth should be cut away. If not severely pruned more fruit will be grown than can be matured. We must remember that grapes grow upon the new wood only, and this year's branches bear next year's fruit. Let the vines be trimmed in the autumn.

When little pigs begin to eat they sometimes have scours. To prevent this the food should be cooked until they get past the danger stage. No sow having pigs should be given slop that is sour or filthy. Clean, wholesome food, not too concentrated, and not too much at a time, is better than feeding a surfeit of any and all kinds, that serve no purpose than to do harm or to be wasted.

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

Adelina Patti has been given the freedom of the town of Brecon in Wales because of her benefactions to her neighbors.

Jean de Monstiers, Marquis de Merinville, who has just married Miss Gwendolen Caldwell, the Washington heiress, is the head of a distinguished French family that owns an estate in Limousin which has not changed hands since the thirteenth century.

Zola says he likes the bicycle for the forgetfulness it bestows. He says it is all nonsense for him to take walks as recreation, because he keeps right on thinking, but with the wheel he goes like the wind, he no longer thinks and the exercise gives him absolute repose.

Melton Prior, the famous English war artist, has been through 14 campaigns and has been wounded eight times. Three times his name has appeared in the list of those killed in battle. His duties have taken him all over the world and he has attended nearly every royal wedding that has occurred during the last 25 years.

One of the richest men in Mexico is Maximilian Damm, a German by birth, who began life in Mexico as a clerk. Finally he went into business for himself and while away on a visit to Germany his manager, whom he had left in charge of his Mexican affairs, took in what was supposed to be a worthless mine for a bad debt. The mine now pays an annual income of $700,000.

CAPITAL CAKES.

A great cake was made by a London firm for the queen's jubilee. This plummy monster stood 13 feet high and its weight was a quarter of a ton. Its value was $1,500. The amount of physicians' fees paid by those who ate of it is not mentioned.

There were two important cakes at the wedding of the prince of Wales. The peak of the principal cake was formed by the prince of Wales' plume and the rose, shamrock and thistle formed no unimportant part of the decorations. Five feet was the height of this pile of sweetness.

At all royal weddings there are always chief cakes and a large number of lesser cakes. At the queen of England's wedding there were two of the former. One of these weighed 300 pounds, was 14 inches thick and 12 feet around. The topmost figure that surmounted this masterpiece of currants, spices, eggs and butter represented Britannia blessing the bride and groom.

If there are monster cakes there are also pygmies. The smallest wedding cake made in London was ordered by a lady for her child. It was a doll's wedding cake, three inches high, and weighed about four ounces. Everything about it was as perfect as could be, even to the tiny ornamentation, but it was like eating gold, for the price charged for this dainty confection was 60 cents an ounce.

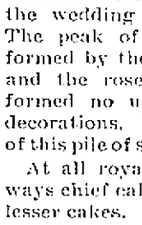
Agreed with Her.

Mrs. Cobwigger—There was an awful jam down in the dry goods store.

Cobwigger—So I should judge. They seem to have squeezed all the money out of you.—N. Y. Truth.

Another Good Man Gone Wrong.

He failed to use Foley's Kidney Cure for his kidney complaint. Amanns' pharmacies.



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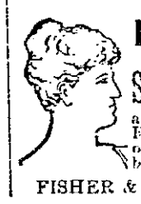

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The Number of Marbles in the Jar at Eismans'.

The Marbles Counted by a Committee This Morning and the Prizes Awarded—Wm. Cole, of Friendship, Gets the First Prize Having Guessed the Correct Number—The Other Winners.

The guessing on the jar of marbles at the clothing store of J. Eisman & company came to an end last night when the store was closed. The marbles were counted this morning by a committee and the prizes awarded. The committee, consisting of L. M. Mann, of the Press; John Warheit, of the Correspondent; Chas. E. Hard, of the Blade; J. L. Patterson, of the Times; Chas. Doerr and Captain Creed Milstead, got to work promptly at half-past nine o'clock. The marbles were counted over several times in order to avoid the possibility of a mistake. Finally, the number was agreed upon. It was 1,355.

The committee then took the book in which the guesses had been registered, and the wearisome task of looking over the list of over 15,000 guesses, which had been made, was begun. The list of prize winners, as decided, was as follows:

Correct number of marbles in the jar, 1,355.

First Prize.—Wm. Cole, Friendship, 1,355, $75.

Second Prize.—Lucy Faverty, city, 1,356, $40.

Third Prize.—Jas. E. York, city, 1,356, $20.

Fourth Prize.—Philip Hughes, city, 1,356, $10.

Fifth Prize.—A. C. Blake, city, 1,356, $5.

Sixth Prize.—Thos. Broch, city, 1,356, $5.

Seventh Prize.—O. W. Malone, Bertha, O., 1,357, $5.

Eighth Prize.—Jos. Bell, city, 1,353, $5.

Ninth Prize.—Louis Parker, city, 1,358, $5.

Tenth Prize.—Louis Tieman, city, 1,352, $5.

Eleventh Prize.—Mrs. E. J. Morgan, city, $1,359, $5.

Twelfth Prize.—T. A. Journey, city, 1,359, $5.

Thirteenth Prize.—Wm. Parker, city, 1,359, $5.

Fourteenth Prize.—Ed. Brunner, city, 1,359, $5.

Fifteenth Prize.—Chas. Ruehlman, city, 1,359, $5.

The money—$200 in gold—is now at Eismans', and the successful guessers can get it by calling for it.

The contest was very successful, as the number of guesses registered—over 15,000—shows. This represents thousands of dollars of sales, and the enterprising firm of J. Eisman & Co. is to be congratulated on the substantial evidences of their prosperity.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Frank Black While Shooting Off a Revolver Gets a Bullet in His Leg.

Frank Black, clerk at the mayor's office, met with an accident about noon today that is quite likely to make him handle fire-arms a little more carefully in the future. He was out in the yard at his home on West Sixth street celebrating the day by firing off a 32-calibre revolver. He does not know hardly how it happened, but as he started in the house, holding the gun down in his hand, it went off and the ball entered his right leg just above the knee. Dr. Kline was called and found that the bullet had ranged downward and had lodged a few inches above the knee. It was impossible to dislodge it, and Mr. Black will carry the leaden memento of New Year's day, 1897, with him as long as he lives. Fortunately, no arteries were severed or bones broken.

Pleased the People.

The University Glee and Mandolin club of Cincinnati were greeted with a magnificent audience at the Grand last night. The program was well arranged and was excellently rendered. Each number was cheered by the appreciative auditors.

Up to Huntington.

Warrants were issued at Huntington, W. Va., recently for the arrest of a number of society young men and women for disturbing a church service. One of the warrants calls for the arrest of the minister's daughter.

City Dads! Go See It.

The old sewer hole at the lower end of Fourth street continues to cave in. A little further, and the residence of Mrs. John Andres will be taken to the depths. Something ought to be done with this menace to property and life.

Coal vases, hods, shovels, tongs and pokers at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

Tumbled From a Ladder.

Emma Riddle, a waiter at Hotel Safford, was severely injured Thursday night by falling from a ladder, which she had placed up against her window. She was looking for the new year.

Adams County Farmer Killed.

Peter McKenzie, a well-known Adams county farmer, was killed Thursday by a runaway horse. He was well known here.

Will Meet at Home.

Hereafter the Blaine club will hold all meetings in their club rooms, at 48 West Second street.

You should see the elegant silver-plated ware at J. C. Hibbs & Co's. It cannot be beat, and the price—well, call and see about it.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Anna Edna J. Crabtree Wants a Divorce From Her Runaway Husband Tom.

Judge Milner will have several divorce suits to settle at the forthcoming session of court. Every third petition filed now seems to be in divorce proceedings. Anna Edna J. Crabtree is the latest to seek separation from her husband, Thos. F. Searl & Milner, as her attorneys, filed a petition wherein Thomas is accused of having deserted his better-half just seven months and twenty-nine days after they were married, which was on May 6, 1893. Christmas day Tom disappeared, and his whereabouts is claimed to be unknown. He has failed to provide or care for her in his absence, and plaintiff asks for separation and to be restored to her maiden name of Anna E. Jackson. She lives near Bloom Switch.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMISSION.

First Ward.—Cyndia A. Reeves, $2 for three months.

Second Ward.—Martha Enright, $3 for three months.

Fourth Ward.—Mary Henson, $2 for three months.

Fifth Ward.—Sarah Berry, Hulda Anderson, Peter Lunsford and Clara Bibby, $2 for three months.

Union Township.—John Wilson, $2 for three months.

Upper Nile.—John T. Rose, $2 for three months.

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Harden.—John F. Dakin, $3 for three months.

Morgan.—Joseph W. Wiseman and Madison Sailor, $2 for three months.

Lower Nile.—Nancy Bishop, $3 for three months.

Porter.—Jane J. Johnson, $3 for three months; Lewis Willis, $2 for three months.

Dangerously Ill With Typhoid.

Capt. John McAllister, the well known river man, and for the last several months engineer on the O. & O. ferry-boat, is dangerously ill at his home in Springville, Ky., with typhoid fever. Chances of his recovery are rather slim. The doctor reports him as being a little improved today.

It is a wringer—we mean that clothes-wringer at J. C. Hibbs & Co's. It is the best in the market. Call and see it.

Conductor Seevers Hurt.

Conductor Wm. Seevers, of the B. & O. S-W. mail, is off duty for a few days. A slight collision at Oak Hill Thursday evening caused him to fall against a seat, severely hurting his side and back.

Tomorrow will be Saturday; next day will be Sunday. Order a can of "Sugar Loaf" or "Superior" brands of canned goods for your dinner.

The Housewife

who has once used Cleveland's baking powder gladly recommends it to her friends. It makes such fine bread and cake, and is so sure to do the work just right, that she is always glad to have them know about it.

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Lucasville Football Game.

The Polo football team went to Lucasville this afternoon to play the Lucasville eleven. They have organized a good team up the valley and threaten to put up some remarkable ball about next year. The line up of the Polo eleven was as follows: Right end, Reinhart; right tackle, Pursell; right guard, Thornton; center, Morrison; left guard, Startzman; left tackle, Doiterly; left end, Kline; quarter-back, Hopkins; right half-back, Ridenour; left half-back, Andrews; full-back, Coriell; subs, Brown and Adams. Howard Newman, referee.

This Happened Far Away.

An instance of refined cruelty on the part of a young man comes from Wisconsin. Members of a club of young ladies asked a bachelor why he did not marry. He gallantly replied that he would wed any one of the nine ladies of the organization whom they might select by secret ballot. The ballot was taken and each of the ladies received one vote. Then the bachelor smiled a gleeful smile, while the ladies are unanimous in declaring he is "a mean old thing."—Ex.

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Men's White Merino Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality for 29c.

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality for 29c.

Men's Grey Shirts and Drawers, 40c quality for 25c.

Men's Black Sweaters, 50c quality for 25c.

Men's Jersey Ribbed Cotton Sweaters, 50c quality for 20c.

Men's Flannelette Shirts, 50c quality for 25c.

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We thank you for what you have done in assisting, by your liberal patronage, the enterprise to its present standing, and hopes to merit your favors for the New Year. We cordially invite everybody to visit us, come, see what we have done, how well prepared we are to merit your every demand. You're always welcome here, whether you purchase or not.

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